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TO AMEMBASSY PORT MORESBY

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SCARRITT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFSP, ACOM, ASEC

SUBJECT: CURRENT STATUS OF EMERGENCY GENERATOR EXPLORATIONS

REF: PORT MORESBY 0137

1. DURING MY VISIT TO CANBERRA I ESTABLISHED THAT 1) A GENERATOR WE THOUGHT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FROM WELLINGTON NO LONGER EXISTS AS A POSSIBILITY, BUT 2) CANBERRA HAS BEEN OFFERED A HIGHER CAPACITY GENERATOR WHICH NASA NO LONGER NEEDS, AND THAT IF THAT INVENTORY TRANSFER OCCURS, A 75 KVA GENERATOR FROM CANBERRA COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR POST. THE GSO IN CANBERRA IS DETERMINING THE LIST OF NEEDED SPARE PARTS TO PUT THE NASA EQUIPMENT IN OPERATION.

2. MEANWHILE, WE ARE EXPLORING SOME OTHER ALTERNATIVES WITH OC ABOUT WHICH WE HOPE TO ADVISE YOU REASONABLY SOON.

3. MY RECOLLECTION OF OUR OFFICE BUILDING SITE IN PORT MORESBY IS THAT THE LAND DROPS OFF SHARPLY IN THE REAR OF
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THE BUILDING, WHICH WOULD COMPLICATE AN EXTERIOR INSTALLA-

TION OF A GENERATOR, AND THAT YOU HAVE FUTURE PLANS WHICH
WOULD FULLY UTILIZE THE FLOOR OF THE OFFICE BUILDING
BELOW GROUND FOR EMBASSY OPERATIONS. I DID NOT HAVE

PRESENCE OF MIND ENOUGH TO QUESTION WHETHER THERE WOULD
BE ROOM ON EITHER SIDE OF THE OFFICE BUILDING BUT WITHIN
THE PROPERTY LINE WHERE A CONCRETE SLAB AND HOUSE FOR
THE GENERATOR COULD BE POURED. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF
THE POST COULD ADVISE EA/EX IN THIS REGARD AS WE PRESS ON
TO LOCATE A GENERATOR FOR YOU. KISSINGER

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